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Thank you for placing this item (regarding the proposed draft ordinance permitting sewage sludge land application) on your agenda.  
My comments are attached. Thanks, Jan Surbey

January 8, 2016

Dear San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for placing the cessation of the CEQA/EIR review of the proposed draft ordinance permitting sewage sludge land application on your agenda!

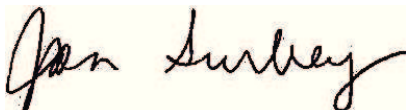
As stated in my previous letter, the draft ordinance is premature in that SLO County has yet to conduct an assessment of feasible methods of sewage sludge management other than land application, as required by BofS direction.

The draft ordinance also fails to follow required Bof S direction concerning numerous other aspects of possible sewage sludge disposal.

Therefore, I am requesting that the Bof S stop the CEQA/EIR process on the proposed draft ordinance permitting sewage sludge land application for two reasons: (1) a comprehensive evaluation of feasible sewage sludge disposal technologies other than land application has not to date been completed, and (2) the draft ordinance does not conform to Bof S directions.

Review of any proposed draft is premature and a waste of taxpayer's monies until these two requirements have been accomplished.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a yellow rectangular background. The signature appears to read "Jan Surbey" in a cursive script.

Jan Surbey

Morro Bay, CA 93442



**Corrected Sludge Ordinance comment , please discard the first one sent .**

**Linde Owen** to: Frank Mecham, Bruce Gibson, Adam Hill,  
Lynn Compton, Debbie Arnold,  
cr\_board\_clerk

01/08/2016 04:02 PM

Hi all, I caught a serious typo and have corrected so please accept this copy as my comment. Thankyou! Linde ; -)

> Dear Supervisors, County staff, and current consultants,  
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> It was over eleven years ago that you began postponement of  
> developing a Sludge Ordinance for this County, since then very much  
> has evolved. This proposal for a permanent Ordinance development  
> needs a full refresher in currently available and better options for  
> disposing of this waste product. The new technologies are viable, in  
> use, and seemingly far more sustainable long term.  
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> Land Application approval is the deaf-dumb-lazy option. Becoming  
> legally open to the import of outside-our-County-industrial-level  
> sludge is the first red flag. The product coming from our sewer  
> plants and septic tanks is Waste. Not clean waste like biodegradable  
> human waste but our current waste-stream contains hundreds of  
> everyday product contaminants, pharmaceutical residues, and who  
> knows how many unknown constituents, along with all of David  
> Broadwater's documentation of the toxic metals, poisons, etc.  
>  
> Putting it on our lands as an amendment or fertilizer is a toxic  
> step towards helping special interests who await these contracts. As  
> the drought continues, these sludge dumps will turn to airborne  
> dust. Spreading toxins around our County lands is not a good long  
> term solution.  
>  
> The advances in re-use/re-purposing of sludge and septage for energy  
> production and safer disposal have come a long way in the past  
> eleven years. Toxic sludge waste is producing energy and leaving a  
> small waste-stream at the end. Sound good?  
>  
> I urge you to ask for a full analysis on options. I think you will  
> be surprised that we could make more money making energy than making  
> the County ill with eventual Land Application repercussions.  
>  
> This is the time to shed stagnant thoughts and detour from special  
> interests and really come up with a winning answer to our sewer and  
> septic tank waste disposal responsibility and dilemma.  
>  
> I personally envisioned a facility at the Los Osos Sewer Plant that  
> could process with high-Tech burn technology for energy production.  
> The facility would be able to take in the Coastal area sludge and  
> septage (septic tank pumpings) and run as a proto-type for the rest  
> of the County, so that we could plan to receive/process all County  
> sewer waste within local sites. The current system of driving it to  
> Santa Maria and beyond is highly wasteful in any 'Action Plan'.  
>  
> Thankyou for asking for a wider review of modern, more sustainable/  
> safer options to the Land Application Notion. I encourage a think-  
> tank dynamic that includes David Broadwater and Eric Greening. They  
> can be guiding lights past any flotsam or confusion and will guide  
> us towards the best decisions ahead.  
>  
> May the Force be With you.... and within us, to make this a better  
> problem-solving County. Please do the right thing after you consider  
> better options available.

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> Thanks, Linde Owen  
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